

Texas Attorney General Opinion WW-607, issued on April 24, 1959, by Will Wilson, addresses the duties of a County Clerk regarding the search of public records.

Key Findings of Opinion WW-607:

No Duty to Search and Guarantee: The opinion states that a County Clerk does **NOT** have a legal duty to search records under their control and guarantee the correctness of that search to a party requesting it.

Limitation of Duties: While clerks must keep records safe and accessible, the duty to perform extensive searches, analyze findings, and guarantee accuracy for private parties falls outside the mandated statutory scope of the office.

Purpose: The opinion serves to clarify that county officials are not responsible for performing professional title searches or providing guaranteed, detailed searches of records, which is often cited in discussions regarding the duties of county officials.